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UNCLE SAM WINS HIS FIGHT WITH COAL TRUST

PLANS FOR DEFENSES CHANGED

Officers' Board Said to Figure on Schofield Only as a Small Post

Schofield Barracks is to be maintained as a small post only, and the main bulk of the army of Oahu is to be concentrated at and around Pearl Harbor and Fort Shafter, according to information from the highest authority that has reached army officers here.

This plan, the result of the study of the local situation by the board of officers which took the field recently, and of the big maneuvers a few weeks ago, is decided by the men who have been of it—and they are very few—to be the most important military move here for the past two years. Moreover, it completely revolutionizes the strategic situation. Yet it is regarded by army experts as the logical move to make, and therefore, there has been little doubt expressed as to the accuracy of the information. In fact, the information comes to the Star-Bulletin from an unquestionable source.

The defense board of "higher-ups" has made a report and the report was approved, according to wireless news this morning. Late news is that troops are to be rushed here in January. Should this prove correct, there will be a lot of men under canvas shortly, for it is stated that no new construction work is likely to be begun at Schofield, owing to the recent recommendations of the army board to concentrate strength near Pearl Harbor.

According to what is declared to be the report of this defense board Schofield Barracks as a post will be maintained for one regiment of cavalry and possibly two of infantry. There may even be a decrease in the troops at the plains station. Quarter for the rest of the big army of 12,000 men ultimately to be stationed here will be constructed near Pearl Harbor.

It is understood that the board of defense finds nothing to defend at Schofield and everything to defend at Pearl Harbor. Moreover, the experts figure that if the bulk of the army is stationed at Schofield, it is likely to be caught between two hostile forces one landing at Haleiwa and one near Pearl Harbor.

The construction work at Schofield now under way will be completed. It is also possible that a detachment might be stationed near Haleiwa.

The decision to put most of the troops in the vicinity of Pearl Harbor and Shafter completely changes the aspect of the military situation on Oahu and is particularly important to Honolulu.

Mayor May Not Sign The Last Resolutions

Despite the receipt today of the \$33,000 Mayor Fern remains firm in his determination not to sign the resolutions passed recently by the board of supervisors. He declared this morning that "as I see things at present there is not any reason why I should make these resolutions a law by my signature. Some of them I shall, those which in my opinion are absolutely necessary, such as providing money to make up small deficits in the funds for the different departments. I believe that the next board of supervisors should have the say-so regarding the expenditure of other and larger sums, as the work must be done during the term of office of the coming board."

COKE STRONG AS SUCCESSOR TO BRECKONS

Democratic Senator-elect Has Powerful Backing for U. S. Attorney's Office Here

James L. Coke, Democratic senator-elect from Oahu, a leader of his party in Hawaii and prominent attorney, is strong candidate for United States District Attorney to succeed Robert V. Breckons, according to authentic report this morning.

While none of the parties concerned is inclined to discuss the matter, the fact remains that Mr. Coke has the field for the appointment. A number of influential friends have done a lot of quiet work for him during the past few weeks and it is stated in good authority that Mr. Breckons himself regards Coke with favor as a successor to the federal office here.

It was learned this morning that a meeting of the Bar Association will be held this afternoon at four o'clock to discuss the question of endorsing a candidate. Whether any candidate will be endorsed is not settled, for some of the prominent members of the association hold that the organization should make no endorsements for office except in the case of the judiciary. Others say that the district attorney's office should not be regarded as a political position, which is the objection raised against an endorsement on the ground that it would get the Bar Association, a non-partisan body, into politics.

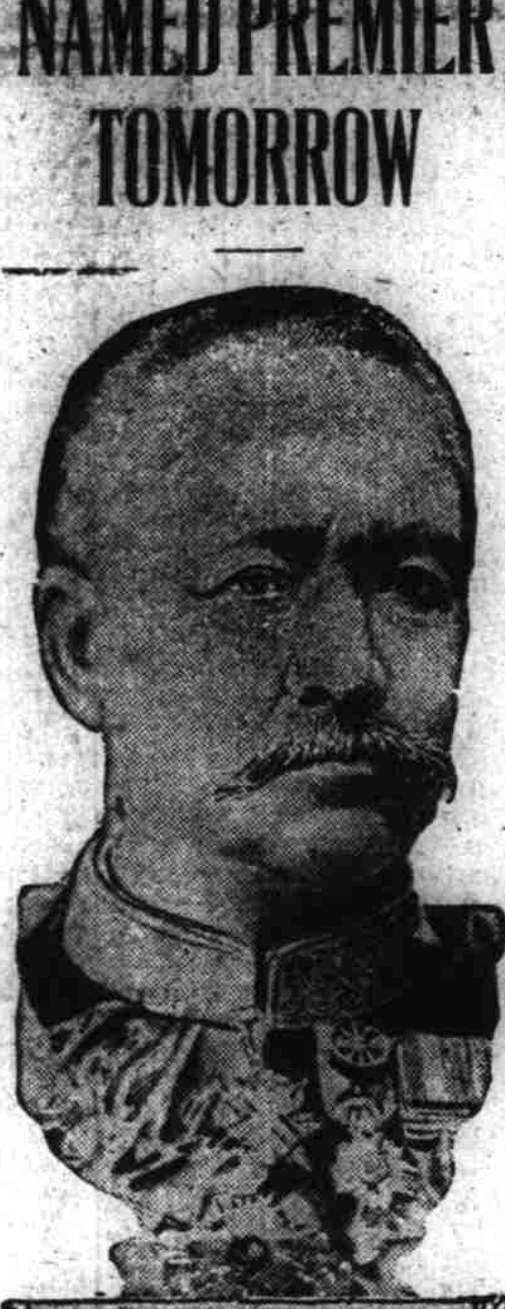
Senator Coke has already informed his friends and fellow-members of the bar, it is understood, that this is his intention.

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SOME PROBABLE CHANGES IN MAP OF BALKANS



KATSURA TO BE NAMED PREMIER TOMORROW



PREMIER KATSURA

(Special Cable to the Nippon Jiji) TOKIO, Japan, Dec. 16.—From an authentic source it is asserted here today that Prince Taro Katsura, now grand chamberlain, will be appointed new premier tomorrow by the emperor. The resignations of Marquis Kinmochi Saionji and his cabinet ministers, which remained unaccepted since Dec. 2nd, will be accepted by the emperor prior to the appointment of a new premier.

Prince Katsura will soon select his cabinet ministers and a new ministry will be established firmly within a day or two.

News of the practical certainty that Katsura will be the new premier was given to the Japanese community this morning by the Nippon Jiji, which issued extras immediately after receiving the above cablegram from Japan. The Japanese community has taken intense interest in the crisis over the cabinet situation. Katsura, who has been premier twice, is regarded as a strong man for Japan in an hour of need.

General Sickles, who has had a reconciliation with his wife and son, was unable to win over his daughter Mrs. Crankenthorpe, who says she will still sue for an accounting of the estate.

J. P. Morgan is well again, and is out smoking his usual large and strong cigars. He has been sick for a few days with a cold.

FREAR AND LINDSAY SEE HOW GOONY-TRAP IS MADE

NEW ROUTE TO CANNERIES TO AVOID IWILEI

Mrs. Fred MacFarlane and Mrs. J. R. Galt, trustees for the Kaimuki Girls' Home called on the acting governor this morning to urge his cooperation in an effort to change conditions for the young women working in the pineapple canneries who are compelled to walk through a portion of the Iwilei district.

Mott-Smith announced that a survey already has been ordered and an effort will be made to extend Robello lane, off King street, so that it will supply a thoroughfare direct from the girls' home to the canneries. This will enable the young women to reach their workshops without passing through the streets of the ill-famed district.

The work will require some time, however, as maps must be made showing the private properties affected by the extension, condemnation proceedings may be found necessary, and the property owners along the route must be reimbursed by the Territory. The enterprise has the acting governor's hearty sympathy, however, and he will employ his influence to obtain the extension at the earliest possible moment.

CHEEK BITTEN BY BIG DOG

Spencer Bickerton, real estate broker, was bitten in the face by a ferocious dog at Kaimuki this morning. A nasty wound was inflicted, but Mr. Bickerton lost no time in coming into town to have it dressed by a surgeon, and, talking over the wire about it from his home at Waikiki, he informed a Star-Bulletin reporter that he did not anticipate any dangerous results.

Mr. Bickerton had gone to Kaimuki to see a Chinese about a piece of land, and while he was discussing the matter with the man, a huge dog belonging to the latter sprang at him without a moment's warning and bit him severely in the cheek. When talking about it shortly before noon, he said he did not know if the owner of the vicious brute had gone anything to the dog.

Edith St. Clair, after a sensational suit, won a \$22,500 verdict from Klaw & Erlanger, the theatrical "trust" for not living up to a contract.

Thetis Party Reports 'All Well' With Exception of the Attorney General

The Star-Bulletin is glad to announce that it has been able to send a special staff correspondent to the Thetis, and the correspondent below is the only information of its kind that can be secured from the party. The Thetis, having no wireless, it was a puzzle how to send the news to Honolulu while the ship is at sea, but, as will be seen from the accompanying story, this almost insuperable difficulty has been overcome by newspaper enterprise.

(By Thought Waves to the Star-Bulletin.)

On Board the U. S. S. R. C. Thetis, December 16.—Gazing anxiously into the distance, Attorney-General Lindsay a few minutes ago saw the last blue outline of Kauai fade into the sea and realized that he was at last in for a twenty-round championship fight with Mal de Mer, the well-known marine white who has flogged so many aspirants for the belt.

Governor Frear is hovering solicitously in the vicinity of his attorney-general, who is suffering heroically. The governor although a good sailor, said today to the Star-Bulletin correspondent that the weather is almost as rough as the auto trip he took to the Waialeale homesteads with Secretary Fisher and that he is not yet quite able to retain anything on his mind.

The Thetis left Honolulu harbor yesterday afternoon at four o'clock and is now fairly off on the voyage to Laysan and Midway Islands. She is steaming at the terrific rate of four knots an hour, and with a favoring wind filling her sails, picks up two or three knots more. Capt. Cochran thinks we ought to arrive at Laysan tomorrow morning. Lindsay is extremely pessimistic but said he could be quoted as hoping that the next thing to hear in sight will be in land.

This morning all parties were mustered out on deck for a drill in that jolly chorus of the jolly tar: "Fifteen men on a dead man's chest!" and the attorney general assured your correspondent that it couldn't possibly be his chest.

Is This a Hoax?
Although the governor and the attorney general believed the people of Hawaii to believe they were going on this cruise for the purpose of drafting some new laws, they showed no signs of speed in that direction this morning. After the chorus had been practised with fine ultra-marine effect for an hour, Frear and Lindsay spent the rest of the morning in watching George Willett, the policeman-ornithologist from Los Angeles, construct a goony-trap. This trap is to catch the shy and suspicious goony which grows in such large numbers on the Pacific Islands. Willett is a member of the party of scientists who

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ATTORNEY-GENERAL IS SATISFIED HE SAYS

Mr. Wickersham Declares That In Spite Of Finding Of Supreme That Anthracite Roads Are Illegal Combination The Government Has Won Its Point In Suit Against Them—President Baer Denies This, Says Roads Have Won The Victory

(Special Star-Bulletin Cable)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—The government has won a substantial victory over the so-called coal roads. The government has failed miserably to prove its contention that the coal roads are a combination in restraint of trade.

The first statement comes from Attorney-General Wickersham, the second from George Baer, president of the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad. Both follow a decision handed down by the United States Supreme Court this morning, after a hearing of the government charges that the anthracite roads, so-called, are a trust and should be dissolved.

The Supreme Court refused to find that the roads are a "combination in restraint of trade," and declined to dissolve it.

The tribunal did, however, find that a number, 65 per cent of the contracts between the anthracite roads and the independent miners, were illegal and annulled them all. It also found the joint ownership of the Temple Coal & Iron Company, in the district of which certain of the defendants figured, to be illegal and ordered steps taken to conform with the law.

In a formal statement given out by Attorney-General Wickersham this morning, he said:

"In my opinion this decision is one of the most important and far-reaching handed down by the Supreme Court for some time and I for one, am highly gratified with the outcome of the suit."

President Baer seems to think different. He declares that the government has lost all along the line, and has made none of its allegations against the defendants in the suit stick.

Turks Beat Greek Fleet

(Associated Press Cable)

CONSTANTINOPLE, Turkey, Dec. 16.—Word has just been received at the navy office here that the cruise squadron at the mouth of the Dardanelles has met the Greek fleet and after a heavy engagement forced the attackers to beat a retreat, with the loss of one large cruiser, named not as yet given, and two torpedo boats. The loss of life is not yet stated. The Turks are reported to have lost one cruiser and one torpedo destroyer in the battle, which is said to have raged fiercely for several hours.

MANY CHANGES ARE PROBABLE

LONDON, Dec. 16.—It is more than likely that the Peace conference, which is due to begin its session here today, will make many changes in the present map of Europe, especially in the so-called Balkan states. Some of these geographical alterations have been foreseen, but there are others which will doubtless be made, but which cannot be foretold.

Reports to this city from Vienna declare that the outlook for peace following the decision of the peace conference, is improving daily.

BATTLE REPORT CONFIRMED

ROME Italy, Dec. 16.—Dispatches to this city from Athens report a battle between the Greeks and the Turks off the mouth of the Dardanelles in which the Greeks are said to have lost heavily, and were forced to retire. The Turks are said to have lost one cruiser and one torpedo destroyer, and the Greeks two torpedo boats and one large cruiser. No details beyond these are at hand.

Britain Honors Whitelaw Reid

LONDON, Dec. 16.—Memorial services over the late Whitelaw Reid, formerly ambassador from the United States to the court of St. James will be held Friday morning with great pomp. The Admiralty has cabled Washington for permission to send a battleship as a convey for the body of the late diplomat. No answer has been received as yet, but it is believed here that the State Department in the American capital will grant the request.

Wilson To Name Successor

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—It was announced here this morning that it is almost certain that President Taft will stand aside and allow the appointment of the successor to the late Whitelaw Reid, former ambassador to Great Britain, to be made by Mr. Wilson. The request of the British government that a warship be permitted to act as a convey for the body of Mr. Reid will be taken up at a cabinet meeting at once and an answer sent as soon as possible. It is more than probable that the Washington authorities will express their pleasure at the offer and accept it.

Assaults Girl; Beats Off Posse

SANTA ANNA, CAL., Dec. 16.—After assaulting a young girl, daughter of a rancher near here, a tramp today fought off a posse of 150 men, under the leadership of the sheriff of Orange county, killing a deputy and wounding three members of the posse before he was finally slain himself. His body was found riddled with bullets when the posse finally reached it.

Last Hope For Aviator

LOS ANGELES, CAL., Dec. 16.—It is said here, as the last hope, that Aviator Kearney may have escaped drowning after all, that he declared he might alight upon the island of Santa Cruz. If he is not there all hope will have to be abandoned, and the fate of the birdman and his newspaperman companion will be assured.

Butter Trust Caves In

(Special Star-Bulletin Cable)

ELGIN, Ill., Dec. 16.—The butter board today abolished the so-called "quotations committee," which the government found constituted a violation of the anti-trust clause of the Sherman bill.

TWO FALLS, NONE HURT, IN ARMY'S "RUSSIAN RIDE"

Schofield Cavalrymen Make a Brilliant Showing in Stiff Test of Man and Beast

(Star-Bulletin Staff Correspondence) SCHOFIELD BARRACKS, Dec. 16.—Although the army hospital corps was on hand this morning with everything in its repertoire from amputations to X-ray machinery, the first of the famous "Russian rides" by the cavalry officers didn't produce anything resembling a real accident. Twenty-five out of twenty-six riders went over the course and finished within the required time, while the twenty-sixth, Lieut. Jack Hume, who was thrown at one of the jumps, was not badly hurt aside from a severe shaking-up, and luckily did not require the attention of the medical corps.

Perfect conditions of weather above and footing below upset all the "dope" of the pessimists to the effect that there would be a lot of accidents and that few would finish the three-mile course within the eleven-minute time limit. The footing was so secure that even the cavalry horses, which are not exactly in the class of Irish hunt-

ers, sailed along easily and there was some extremely pretty jumping and some riding that didn't have to be dangerous to have its thrill of the peculiar. The course was well guarded for possible accidents, but the only one, aside from Lieut. Hume's toss-off, was that of Capt. Bay, who was thrown at one of the jumps. The captain immediately remounted and carried his steed along at such a good pace that he finished within the time limit. Six obstacles and three ditches were included in the three-mile ride, but the officers were all well within the time requirement. Col. Wilder and the riders in person, making the course in 8 minutes 52 seconds. The fastest time was made by Lieut. James who, peculiarly enough, arrived on the last transport, and neither he nor his horse had been over the course before. Both went over it finely today, covering the three miles in 8 minutes 17 seconds.

Lieut. Hume's fall was due to no fault of his. His animal was a troop-horse which knew rather less about jumping than skating.

Capt. Elliott and Lieut. Phil. Sheridan, both of whom were injured during the last few days in practicing for the ride, were on the scene this morning in autos watching the proceedings with interest.

The Field Artillery will have its turn at Russian riding next Thursday or Friday morning.

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